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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF END-USER CERTIFICATE VALIDATION**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendment and response:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.